

OPINION 1769

***Styloptocuma* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 (Crustacea, Cumacea): conserved with *S. antipai* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 designated as the type species**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the type species of the nominal genus *Styloptocuma* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 is *Styloptocuma antipai* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 by original designation.

(2) The name *Styloptocuma* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 (gender: neuter), type species by original designation as ruled in (1) above *Styloptocuma antipai* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *antipai* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974, as published in the binomen *Styloptocuma antipai* (specific name of the type species of *Styloptocuma* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2787

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Styloptocuma* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 with the designation of *Styloptocuma antipai* Băcescu & Muradian, 1974 as the type species was received from Prof L.B. Holthuis (*Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, The Netherlands*) on 28 August 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 264–265 (December 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Prof Les Watling (*Darling Marine Center, University of Maine, Walpole, Maine, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 50: 231 (September 1993).

It was noted on the voting paper that in his (1992) paper on Cumacea, Băcescu (p. 262) attributed the name *Styloptocuma* to Băcescu & Muradian (1974) and cited *S. antipai* as the type species; he recorded that there had been no type designation in the original publication and that an application to the Commission would be made to rectify this.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 264–265. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Bouchet.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented that he would have preferred to set aside the type species designation for *Styloptocuma* by Vevers et al. (1979) and any other designation prior to that by Băcescu (1992), and to date *Styloptocuma* from Băcescu (1992).

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

antipai, *Styloptocuma*, Băcescu & Muradian, 1974, *Revue Roumaine de Biologie*, **19**: 71.
Styloptocuma Băcescu & Muradian, 1974, *Revue Roumaine de Biologie*, **19**: 74.